

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action Government propose to take to contain the dreaded JE in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh is reported to have developed Action Plan for tackling Japanese Encephalitis (JE) problem, including vaccination, with the help of experts from International Vaccine Institute, Seoul, Korea. For containment of JE in the State, the following measures are being undertaken:—

- Vaccination of high risk population group.
- Vector control by indoor residual spray and anti-larval operations and fogging with Malathion.
- Early diagnosis and proper management of patients.
- Isolation of pigs from human population.
- Intensification of IEC activities.

Free/Cheap Medicines to AIDS Patients

1544. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present recorded cases of HIV positive in India,

(b) whether it is a fact that due to high cost of medicines, the detected patients are not able to take it;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to provide such medicines at a cheaper rate or to provide free of cost; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Based on Sentinel Surveillance data, it is estimated that 3.86 million people in the country are infected with HIV.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The Government provides free treatment for opportunistic infections to HIV/AIDS patients in public sector hospitals.